



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1403

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President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I write today out of concern regarding the conflict between Pakistan and India in the Kashmir region. Historically, tensions have always been high in the Kashmir region, however last month's activity demonstrates tensions are reaching a fever pitch. As both countries have nuclear capabilities, the fate of our world depends on law and order in this region.

The United States has previously helped mediate conflicts between Pakistan and India, and it is necessary for us to do so again. A Special Envoy would help instigate bilateral discussions, mitigate tensions, and hopefully broker a neutral peace agreement.

I respectfully request your consideration of designating a Special Envoy to South Asia to address this tenuous situation. Stability in the region is of the utmost importance to the United States given our strategy in Afghanistan, as well as keeping nuclear war at bay. Any such envoy must work with both countries to resolve the dispute and diffuse tensions in the region.

I look forward to working with the Administration on this effort and appreciate your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Banks".

JIM BANKS
Member of Congress